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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 12/10/62

WEATHER Tuesday and Friday temperatures were above normal over most of the State. Near normal temperatures prevailed on other days. Averages for the week ranged from near normal in the southeast to 6 degrees to 8 degrees above normal in the northwest.

Scattered light precipitation throughout the period ranged from a trace to .20 inch.

CROPS Winter wheat remained in good condition last week although topsoil moisture was short in nearly all areas. Continued growth of the crop together with below normal precipitation in November and early December resulted in rapid depletion of moisture reserves. Top growth has been exceptionally heavy and it has provided better than usual grazing for livestock. The crop started to enter the dormant stage after the occurrence of low temperatures at the close of last week. The decided lack of topsoil moisture causes the crop to be vulnerable to winter kill from low temperatures. Snow cover or rain would be beneficial.

The corn harvest was practically completed and most field work consisted of plowing and applying fertilizers. Mild weather has permitted more than the usual amount of this work to be accomplished. Most farmers turned their attention to fencing and repair work along with care of livestock. Some hay was taken from fields to winter feed yards and movement of grain from farms to elevators continued but at a slower pace.

Pastures and ranges remained open and furnished ample forage for livestock. Moisture would improve the quality of the grass as it is dry and brittle. Lack of snow, however, has allowed good utilization of harvested corn and milo fields. The supply of grain as well as hay and other roughage supplies are adequate to abundant in all areas. Stockmen have been able to conserve their feed as there has not been any need for supplemental feeding of livestock except for a little in the range country.

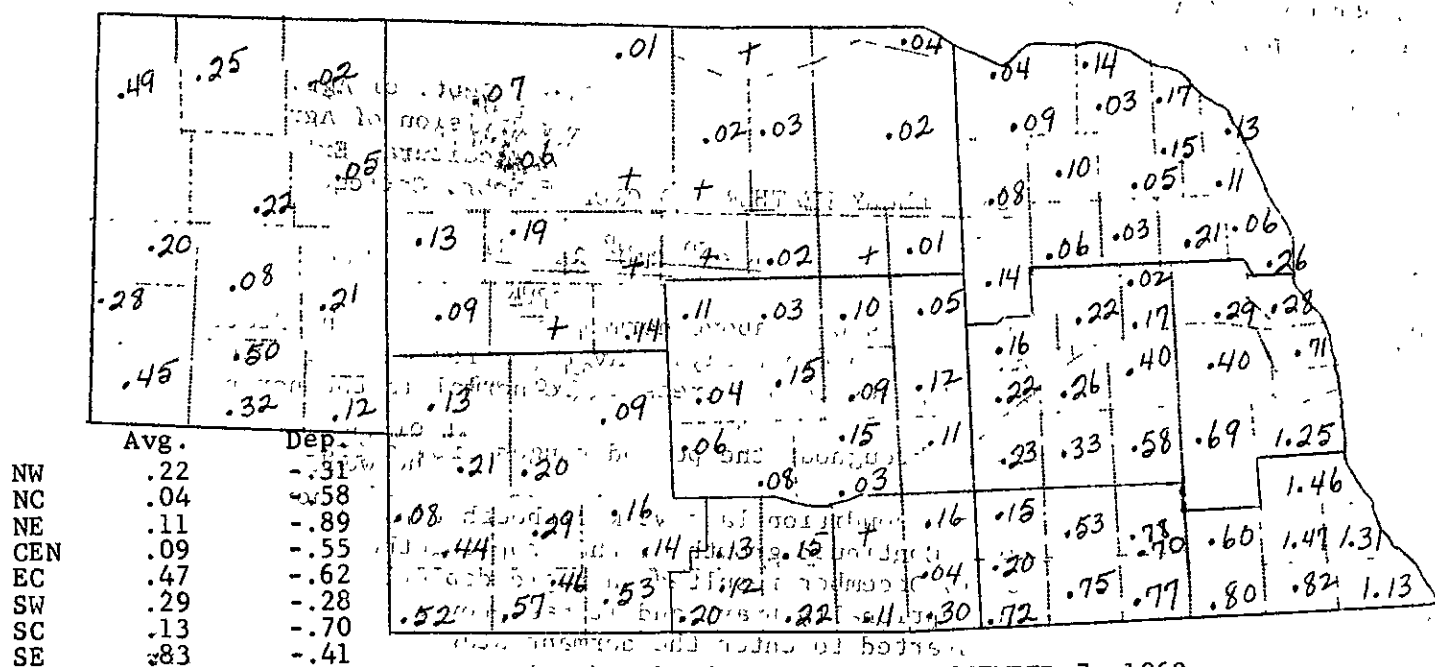
LIVESTOCK Most livestock are in good condition and production rates are average or better. Dry, dusty feed in fields and feedlots has caused some respiratory troubles.

Movement of cattle and calves from fields to feedlots continues at a slow rate. Feedlot cattle are making excellent progress, but lower temperatures will cause some shrinkage and lower rate of gains.

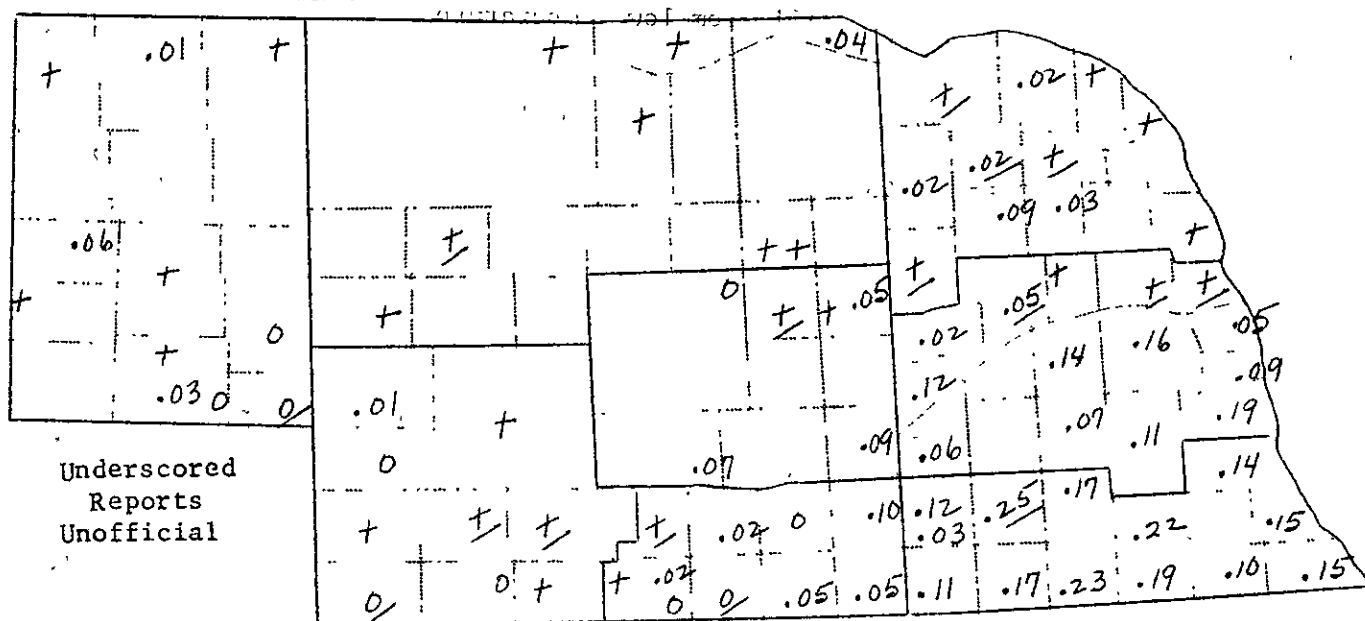
WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 10, 1962

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	.09	Burwell	--	Chadron	.01
Lincoln	.13	North Platte	T	Imperial	--
Norfolk	.09	Valentine	T	Scottsbluff	.06
Omaha	.05			Sidney	.02
Sioux City	T				

# PRECIPITATION MAP FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER 1962



## PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 7, 1962



## HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:01 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:00 a.m., CST)

		December		4th		5th		6th		7th		8th		9th		10th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	62	27	38	19	39	24	55	36	45	25	35	22	47	22		
	Scottsbluff	58	24	37	12	42	20	54	29	46	34	39	26	48	21		
	Sidney	60	24	36	16	43	21	56	30	45	34	33	21	48	19		
	Burwell	63	30	44	15	38	10	38	26	46	22	36	18	37	--		
NC	Valentine	60	28	43	13	36	16	51	34	46	27	34	18	37	19		
	Norfolk	59	41	46	20	32	8	30	27	39	27	37	18	31	16		
NE	Sioux City	59	41	45	24	32	11	29	26	37	25	37	16	26	16		
	Grand Island	55	37	43	21	36	12	33	25	42	29	35	19	34	18		
CEN	Lincoln	57	42	47	24	35	18	31	28	38	29	36	19	33	19		
	Omaha	57	42	48	23	33	15	31	26	36	26	33	16	29	18		
SW	Imperial	59	28	30	19	42	17	57	36	49	38	41	22	48	17		
	North Platte	58	30	42	18	42	22	50	32	48	32	38	16	45	17		

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